AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions and listings of claims in the application:

Listing of claims:

1. (currently amended) A method for denaturing allergens originated from mites, hair or epithelium of pets, cockroaches, feathers, fungi and pollens of plants which comprises applying an effective amount of a calcium or strontium salt selected from the group consisting of acetate, propionate, nitrate, chloride, bromide, iodide, lactate, carbonate, citrate, pantothenate, tartrate, succinate, malonate, malate, nicotinate, glycerate, stearoyllactate and gluconate to a place where allergens exist or will exist.

2. (previously presented) A method for denaturing allergens according to claim 1, wherein the salt is a salt of calcium.

3. (previously presented) A method for denaturing allergens according to claim 1, wherein the salt is a salt of strontium.

4. (canceled)

5. (currently amended) A method for denaturing allergens ~~according to claim 2, wherein the alkaline earth metal salt is~~

originated from mites, hair or epithelium of pets, cockroaches, feathers, fungi and pollens of plants which comprises applying an effective amount of a calcium salt selected from the group consisting of calcium acetate, calcium propionate, calcium nitrate, calcium chloride, calcium bromide, calcium iodide, calcium lactate, calcium carbonate, calcium citrate, calcium pyrophosphate, calcium glycerophosphate, calcium stearoyllactate, calcium pantothenate, calcium tartrate, calcium succinate, calcium malonate, calcium malate, calcium nicotinate, calcium glycerate ~~or~~ and calcium gluconate.

6. (previously presented) A method for denaturing allergens according to claim 3, wherein the salt is strontium chloride.

7-12. (canceled)

13. (previously presented) The method for denaturing allergens according to claim 1, wherein the allergens are originated from mites.

14. (currently amended) The method for denaturing allergens according to claim 1, wherein the ~~alkaline earth metal~~ salt is acetate, propionate or chloride.